

The Council of the City of North Royalton caucused in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **July 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives John Nickell, Linda Barath, Joanne Krejci, Jeremy Dietrich, Heidi Webber, Michael Wos, Legislative Services Director Dana Schroeder; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly

Agenda reviewed.

Ordinance 23-75: Ms. Schroeder stated Mr. Nickell had emailed her last week asking to withdraw sponsorship from 23-75.

Council discussed and it was decided to draft additional legislation; with 23-75 showing the strikeout in (b)(3); front solar panels allowed and a new piece of legislation without the strikeout in (b)(3); front solar panels not allowed with the Fire Department/Building Department amendment recommendations in both.

After discussion in B&BC on July 18, 2023, Council will vote accordingly on each piece.

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **July 5, 2023 in regular session.** The meeting was called to order at **7:02 p.m.** by President of Council Paul Marnecheck and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: June 20, 2023
 - b. Receipt and acknowledgement without objection to Ohio Dept. of Liquor Control request for a stock D1 and D2 permit for WDJ, Inc., 14084 State Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133
 - c. Motion to recess Council and Committee meetings for the month of August 2023.
- No one on Council wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath **to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented and read.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Schroeder stated that Ms. Barath will not be in attendance at the next meeting (July 20, 2023) and that Ms. Schroeder will also be absent with Ms. Quellos attending in her absence.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: No report.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Boards and Commissions announced the dates and times of their next regularly scheduled meetings. All meetings are held at City Hall, 14600 State Road, unless otherwise noted. A complete meeting schedule is available from the Council Office. **Any changes to the regular schedule of Council or committee meetings are noted below.**

SECOND READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 23-75

Introduced by: Nickell, Krejci, Webber. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 14 BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE, TITLE SIX MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1477 REGULATIONS FOR THE USE AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, SECTION 1477.04 STANDARDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Placed on **third reading**

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 23-77

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,334.82, FOR THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECRUITMENT/HIRING INITIATIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adopt Ordinance 23-77.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

MISCELLANEOUS

**Sue Krejci
3365 Sliding Rock Trail
Brunswick, Ohio 44212**

(see attached – Exhibit A)

**Eileen Krejci
3684 Boston Road
Brunswick, Ohio 44212**

(see attached – Exhibit B)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adjourn the July 5, 2023 City Council meeting.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Paul F. Marnecheck DATE APPROVED: July 18, 2023
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Sue Krejci
07/05/2023 NR Council Meeting

I oppose the proposed Boston Road I-71 interchange.

The way that this was done was unprecedented, with Strongsville's Tom Patton slipping in legislation at the last minute at the state level that only applies to this one area. This is egregious state overreach, and the chilling precedent has now been set that the state can put a highway interchange, power plant, or landfill into your community without your consent.

Ostensibly, this was done for safety, to address the chronic traffic problems on Route 82. However, Strongsville's own study says this will not fix those issues. In fact, the study is not even looking at that problem, stating that "Attaining acceptable operational performance at this [SR 82 Howe Road] intersection is outside the study scope."

Four possible alternatives were studied at Boston Road. Each one of them resulted in poor/failing level of service throughout each scenario, including No Build conditions.

When you're talking about an endeavor this massive, taking people's homes, rerouting traffic through residential neighborhoods and moving jet fuel pipelines, the results should be a home run... not "poor/failing".

Yet despite the failings of the preliminary study, Strongsville are moving forward with a full study, which is perplexing... unless this isn't really about safety at all.

This is about commerce. Strongsville has plans to extend their industrial park south to Boston Road. The goal is to make Boston Road a truck route to connect traffic from Foltz Parkway to I-71. How do I know this? Strongsville has said as much: Strongsville Councilman Duke Southworth in 2013:

"The whole point of the Boston Road interchange is to possibly connect it to the (Foltz) Industrial Parkway. That's what things are being lined up for," Southworth said. "Our stake in the Industrial Parkway is a lot bigger than Brunswick's stake in the Industrial Parkway." (source: https://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/2013/04/ohio_turnpike_funds_revives_ta.html)

It was surprising to hear in the last NOACA meeting that North Royalton's delegate Thomas Jordan, your Community Development Director, state that not only are you as a city fully supportive of Strongsville's underhanded actions to build this interchange, but that Brunswick is the only community who is not (FYI - Brunswick,

Brunswick Hills, and Hinckley city councils have passed resolutions against the interchange, and the Medina County Commissioners have signed a letter against the interchange).

It's extremely disappointing that the "incredible access opportunities for industrial and commercial development" discussed in the NOACA meeting have been prioritized over the underhanded way this went down with Mr. Patton slipping in this "interchange formula" into state law, which even Grace Gallucci at NOACA stated is "bad public policy" during the June 9th Board of Directors meeting. Placing a highway interchange through a residential neighborhood in a community that has had no say is completely wrong and evocative of the Eisenhower highway building that put highways through neighborhoods... especially when this will not fix the problem it is supposed to - the traffic on Route 82.

I was surprised at how vehemently Mr. Jordan's vote of support was, which was at odds from some of the responses I received from council representatives (and thank you to those who took the time to respond to the emails I sent to each of you). I urge you to confer with your mayor and Mr. Jordan to reconsider your city's emphatic support of this destructive legislation. Passing a council resolution against the interchange would help greatly.

I encourage you to come visit the area that will be impacted and see for yourselves - this is an entirely residential area. Drive through each of the potentially impacted neighborhoods and see how it will devastate our community.

Imagine for a moment this was being done to your community; would you still support it?

If this can happen in Brunswick, this can happen in North Royalton. I hope your neighbors stand with you when it does.

Eileen Krejci
07/05/2023 – NR Council Meeting

Last March, Representative Patton, who represents Strongsville, added an amendment to Transportation Bill 23 at the last minute before the vote. The bill was passed and signed by Governor DeWine into law.

Brunswick had no vote or input on this forced interchange at Boston Road. It took our Brunswick City officials by surprise as they were not consulted at all about something as big as an interchange that is now mandated to be built, and Strongsville has apparently decided it should go on Boston Road.

This area is residential, full of neighborhoods where we currently have streets of beautiful homes. Our neighbors on both the Brunswick and Strongsville sides of Boston Road, as well as developments off of Boston, will be losing their homes.

Who would have thought that the city of Strongsville would have the right to decide that a new interchange would be built in a community other than their own?

Would you kindly stand with us against this blatant injustice?